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(e) Any disputes regarding any authorized allotment are a matter between the allotter and the allottee.

(f) Notwithstanding the requirements in paragraphs (a) and (c) of this section, an agency may make an allotment for an employee's share of Federal Employees Health Benefits premiums under § 550.311(a)(7) and part 892 of this chapter without specific authorization from the employee, unless the employee specifically waives such allotment. Agency procedures for processing employee waivers must be consistent with procedures established by the Office of Personnel Management. (See part 892 of this chapter.)

[46 FR 2325, Jan. 9, 1981, as amended at 64 FR 69176, Dec. 10, 1999; 65 FR 44644, July 19, 2000; 71 FR 66828, Nov. 17, 2006]

LABOR ORGANIZATION

§ 550.321 Authority.

Section 7115, title 5, United States Code, authorizes an employee to make an allotment for dues to a labor organization as defined in subchapter 1 of chapter 71 of title 5, United States Code. Such an allotment shall be effected in accordance with such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

§ 550.322 Saving provision.

An agency shall permit a supervisor who so desires, to continue an allotment of dues to a labor organization as defined by section 2(e) of Executive Order 11491, as amended, which was permissible when the supervisor was excluded from a formal or exclusive unit by reason of the requirements of former section 24(d) of this Order.

ASSOCIATION OF MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS AND/OR SUPERVISORS

§ 550.331 Scope.

An agency shall permit an employee to make an allotment for dues to an association of management officials and/or supervisors when the employee is a supervisor or management official, and the employee is a member of an association of management officials and/or supervisors with which the agency has agreed in writing to deduct allotments

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for the payment of dues to the association.

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

§ 550.341 Scope.

An agency must permit an employee to make an allotment for charitable contributions to a Combined Federal Campaign in accordance with § 950.901 of this chapter.

[64 FR 69176, Dec. 10, 1999]

INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING

§ 550.351 Scope.

When an employee has a legal obligation to pay, but the agency has no legal obligation to withhold, State, District of Columbia, or local income or employment taxes, an agency shall permit an employee to make an allotment for payment of the taxes.

ALIMONY AND/OR CHILD SUPPORT

§ 550.361 Scope.

An agency shall permit an employee to make an allotment for alimony and/or child support when he or she voluntarily elects to do so. However, this provision does not apply to garnishment orders issued to enforce child support and/or alimony obligations which are codified at part 581 of this title.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS AGENCY ORGANIZATIONS

§ 550.371 Scope.

If an agency permits an employee to make an allotment for dues to a foreign affairs agency organization, the agency must also provide, in accordance with section 15 of Executive Order 11636:

(a) that the employee be allowed to revoke the authorization at least every six months; and

(b) that the allotment terminates when the dues withholding agreement between a foreign affairs agency and the organization is terminated or

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ceases to be applicable to the employee.

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Subpart D—Payments During Evacuation

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SOURCE: 59 FR 66632, Dec. 28, 1994, unless otherwise noted.

§ 550.401 Purpose, applicability, authority, and administration.

(a) *Purpose.* This subpart provides regulations to administer subchapter III (except sections 5524a and 5525) of chapter 55 of title 5, United States Code. The regulations provide for Governmentwide uniformity in making payments during an evacuation to employees or their dependents, or both, who are evacuated in the United States because of natural disasters or for military or other reasons that create imminent danger to their lives.

(b) *Applicability.* This subpart applies to—

(1) Executive agencies, as defined in section 105 of title 5, United States Code.

(2) Employees of an agency who are U.S. citizens or who are U.S. nationals;

(3) Employees of an agency who are not citizens or nationals of the United States, but who were recruited with a transportation agreement that provides return transportation to the area from which recruited; and

(4) Alien employees of an agency hired within the United States.

(c) *Authority.* The head of an agency may make advance payments and evacuation payments and pay special allowances as provided by this subpart. If the head of an agency proposes to issue regulations that deviate from the provisions of this subpart, prior approval of the agency regulations, as required by section 4(b) of Executive Order 10982 of December 25, 1961, must be secured from the Office of Personnel Management.

(d) *Administration.* The head of an agency having employees subject to this subpart is responsible for the proper administration of this subpart. Pay-

ment of advance payments and evacuation payments and any required adjustments shall be made in accordance with procedures established by the agency.

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§ 550.402 Definitions.

Agency means an Executive agency, as defined in section 105 of title 5, United States Code.

Day means a calendar day, except when otherwise specified by the head of an agency.

Dependent means a family member of the employee residing with the employee and dependent on the employee for support.

Designated representative means a person 16 years of age or over who is named by an employee for the purpose of caring for a dependent.

Domestic partner means a person in a domestic partnership with an employee or annuitant of the same sex.

Domestic partnership means a committed relationship between two adults of the same sex in which the partners—

(1) Are each other's sole domestic partner and intend to remain so indefinitely;

(2) Maintain a common residence, and intend to continue to do so (or would maintain a common residence but for an assignment abroad or other employment-related, financial, or similar obstacle);

(3) Are at least 18 years of age and mentally competent to consent to contract;

(4) Share responsibility for a significant measure of each other's financial obligations;

(5) Are not married or joined in a civil union to anyone else;

(6) Are not the domestic partner of anyone else;

(7) Are not related in a way that, if they were of opposite sex, would prohibit legal marriage in the U.S. jurisdiction in which the domestic partnership was formed;

(8) Are willing to certify, if required by the agency, that they understand that willful falsification of any documentation required to establish that an individual is in a domestic partnership may lead to disciplinary action